GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2727
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
FINANCIAL IRREGULARITY IN IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial irregularities in the Indian Air Force office of Delhi has been noticed recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2727 15.3.2001

Financial irregularities in procurement of stores through DGS&D rate contract at 7 Base Repair Depot (BRD), Tuglaqabad, New Delhi from civil firms were noticed. Huge quantities of duplicating paper, photocopying paper and mild steel welding electrodes were procured without authorisation and full payment was made by the Pay & Accounts Officer, DGS&D, Department of Supply though very less quantity of the above items had been supplied/ brought on charge. The value of discrepent stores is Rs.26.60 lakhs.

The Court of Inquiry, conducted in the matter by the Air Force, has established a prima facie case of financial irregularities.However, the Air Force Court of Inquiry could not obtain conclusive evidence from the suppliers, Pay & Accounts Office, DGS&D, Inspecting Officer, Directorate of Quality Assurance (Ministry of Defence) and Controller of Defence Accounts, Air ForceHence, the case has been handed over to the CBI for further investigation.